

Sporting News

OLIPHANT GREAT ATHLETE.

Only Four—"A" Man at West Point Is a Wonder

Cadet Elmer Quillen Oliphant is one example at least of preparedness in the United States army. Here is a soldier who is prepared for anything—anything in the athletic line at least. Oliphant is just now the center of excitement on the West Point football field. He is not only the best of the Army's pigskin performers, but is rated as one of the best halfbacks playing football today.

Although football is of chief interest just now, it is by no means the limit of Oliphant's abilities. In fact, football is just one of his accomplishments. Oliphant is the only four—"A" man in West Point history. This means that he is the only man who ever won his letter in four different branches of athletics. Oliphant has won four jerseys with the initial "A" on them at the same time, if he should care to. Baseball, track, basketball and football are the sports in which he has excelled to an alphabetic degree. And he won them all in the short space of a year and a half.

There is only one other sport in which Oliphant can possibly obtain another letter while at the academy. It is hockey. And as Elmer is a speedy skater—who knows?

Oliphant is the catcher of the Army baseball team. Sammy Straub, the famous coach of the cadets, says that the doughty Hoosier could make the big leagues if he decided to take up the game professionally. He was the battery mate of Bob Neyland, the Army pitcher, who won 20 straight games for Uncle Sam.

Oliphant holds several track records at the academy. His best showings in miscellaneous events are as follows: Pole vault, 11 feet 6 inches; quarter mile, 51 seconds; one-half mile, 2:02; mile, 4:31; 220-yard hurdles, 25 seconds; and broad jump, 21 feet 4 inches.

In addition to starring on the football, baseball and basketball teams this remarkable athlete has fought his way into the finals of the heavyweight boxing class on two different occasions.

Oliphant is the son of Marion E. Oliphant of Bruceville, Ind. He was born in Bloomfield, in the same state, 23 years ago. All during his life the Hoosier boy excelled in all forms of athletics. He became famous at Purdue university before coming to West Point. At one time or other he has captained the football, basketball, indoor pushball and tug-of-war teams of that school.

Oliphant is a great believer in a regular code of living and moral conduct. In his high school days he was president of a "Bible class" and at the present time is secretary of the Sunday school at West Point.

Sporting Notes.

Glenn Warner has signed a contract to coach at Pittsburgh the next four years.

Over 6,000 seats for the Dartmouth-Syracuse game at Springfield, Mass., Nov. 4, have been sold already.

Andrew Conkley has been re-engaged to coach the Columbia university baseball players. He has been at Columbia three years.

The eighth grade of the Main street school defeated a team from St. Michael's Parochial school at football at Island park yesterday afternoon by the score of 30 to 6.

There are only four teams in the East with clean scoring slates—Princeton, Cornell, Brown and Fordham. Teams that have not yielded a touchdown are, in addition, Yale, Colgate, Muhlenberg and, if we care to admit it into the Eastern group, Michigan.

Walter Camp says in his October football review, that Capt. Westcott and Doane, fullback, of Tufts, are the best backfield players in the country today because of their work in beating Harvard and playing Princeton to a standstill in the space of one week.

Our old friend "Jimmy" Burns, once of Bellows Falls managerial fame, has landed the job of coaching the Trinity college baseball team for next season. His contract is for three years. It is not a new job for him for he was coach there three years ago and had a very successful team.

Ray Caldwell, whose suspension cost him two months and a half salary, was in New York recently, but did not call on the Yankee officials. However, he told friends that he had learned a costly lesson and would report next season prepared to fight for the club and against his own weaknesses.

The National league during the last season established a new record in the number of players traded from one club to another. No less than 29 players changed to other teams during the season, and most of the changes were brought about by the reconstruction of the New York club.

No team except Harvard has ever beaten Yale three years in succession. That's a truth that will confront the Washington and Jefferson eleven when it takes the field against the Elis tomorrow. The Pennsylvanians have already turned the trick twice—by 13 to 7 in 1914 and 16 to 7 in 1915. In 1913 they fought a scoreless tie.

Dissension is said to have had a big hand in the Syracuse debacle last Saturday. It is an open secret that two of the stars on the Syracuse line are not on speaking terms. A scrap over the captaincy last winter is said to have been responsible. Dissension has broken up many a stellar baseball and football aggregation.

Brown is beginning to wonder whether Harvard will use a substitute team against it at the stadium this fall, while Harvard, no doubt, is asking itself where that soft game arranged to tie between the Princeton and Yale contests has gone. Brown has never taken a football away from Cambridge, and rather counts on doing so this season.

President Ray Lyman Wilbur of

Stanford university declares that football is the greatest menace to intercollegiate athletics. "It is a coach's game and the by-products that go with him make it a power for harm," says the president of the university. Bishop Lawrence of the Episcopal church recently declared that the game is a great boulder of character. Thus do two learned men disagree.

Down in Princeton the impression is growing that the team is strong enough to score 10 points against any team at present in the ring. Of course the team scored only three against Tufts and Tufts is still in the ring. The matter of the Princeton defense is another question. Just how much more than 10 points an opponent could score against the Tigers is not doped out at Princeton.

The Cornell faculty committee on student affairs has declared Frank Chase, baseball catcher and captain of the 1917 varsity nine, A. R. G. V. candidate, varsity baseball outfielder, and Clayton Wolford, varsity baseball substitute, ineligible for further participation in university athletics because they are alleged to have played summer baseball where admission was charged. All three are juniors.

Word has been received by the Yankees from Fritz Maisel and Frank Gilheiser, the athletes chased from the game by broken bones. Maisel is getting a shoulder back into shape by throwing a baseball for a half hour every day. Gilheiser is strengthening his knitted ankle by jogging around the cinder path at Western Reserve university of Cleveland. J. Franklin Baker wanted to do some work this winter, but his physician thought that complete rest would do the famous home run swatter more good than anything else.

Stanford hates to hear folks talk about his weakness in defensive coaching. He points to the Rutgers record since he took charge of them two years ago as controverting evidence. It is Stanford's boast that Rutgers, under his coaching, has never allowed any team to make two successive first downs and that no team has made more than 80 yards by rushing. He adds that there isn't an eleven in the country that can get three touchdowns against Rutgers. Washington and Lee got two. It remains for Brown to make it three—perhaps.

PERSONAL.

Allen M. Fletcher of Cavendish and Charles Downer of Sharon were registered at the Brooks House last night. They left this morning by automobile.

Mrs. Helen Bonnett of Concord (Vt.), department president of the W. R. C. of Vermont, was here yesterday afternoon and evening discussing with Department Commander H. C. Streeter of the G. A. R. plans for the state convocation next year. Mrs. Bonnett left this morning to visit the Bennington W. R. C. She is making a tour of the various corps of the state.

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Flowers—Special Leone Franklin, 1st Mrs. H. H. Franklin, 2d Mrs. A. W. Barry, Judges, Mrs. W. T. Bruce, Mrs. Northrup, Mrs. Atherton.

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Canning, boys and girls—1st Cara Fitch, 2d Rene Columbus, 3d Ed Knapp. Cooking, adults—Cake, 1st Mrs. R. L. Fitch, Doughnuts, 1st Mrs. A. W. Barry.

Canning, adults—1st Mrs. Bliss Prentiss, 61 varieties, 2d Mrs. I. J. Dutton, 48 varieties.

General collection farm products—H. H. Franklin, 1st on general collection, 1st on potatoes, special on potatoes, raised from seed the 3d year, F. C. Cutler, 2d on seed corn, 1st on pie pumpkin, special on corn, Allen Heath, 1st on watermelon, 2d on squash, Walter Cate, 1st on turnip, 2d on general collection, 2d on watermelon, W. E. Blood, 1st on sunflower, B. B. Prentiss, 1st on table beets, C. D. Boyden, 1st on celery, Charles Austin, 1st on squash, W. O. Davis, 1st on corn, H. L. Barber, 1st on millet and soy beans, A. H. Chamberlin, 2d on tomatoes, W. M. Sparks, 1st on tomatoes, George Puffer, 2d on potatoes, A. D. Benson, 1st on Wolf River apples, special on peach blossom apples, 2d on sunflowers, R. L. Fitch, 1st on McIntosh Red apples, 2d on pie pumpkins.

Apples—W. E. Blood, 1st on fruit collection, 2d on pearmain, O. W. Follett, 1st on Greening, C. W. Hawkins, 1st on Northern Spy, C. S. Mills, 2d on Northern Spy, H. H. Chamberlin, 2d on collection, 1st on Pearmain collection, George Whitney, special on Pumpkin Sweets.

Needlework, adults—1st on collection, Ella Louise Ware, 2d Louise Austin, Quilt, 1st Louise Austin, 2d Clara Stone, Timson, Crochet, 1st on collection, Betty Whitney, 2d Ella Louise Ware, Basketry, 1st Mrs. A. D. Benson, Tatting and drawn work, 1st Mrs. W. T. Bruce.

Special on crocheted bag, Mrs. May Phillips, Special on canvas, Ella Louise Ware, Judges, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. C. C. Lake of Saxtons River, Mrs. James Hair of Bridgeport, Conn.

Antiques—Linen, 1st Mrs. George Whitney, 2d Mrs. C. H. Stratton, special Mrs. C. D. Boyden, China, 1st collection Mrs. Edie Farwell, 2d Mrs. George Whitney, Special on pocket book and special on body writ, C. W. Hawkins.

Poultry—1st pen rose comb R. L. Red chicks, W. H. Miles, Single comb R. L. Red chicks, 1st on pen, 1st and 2d on cockerel, W. G. Benson, Single comb R. L. Red pullet 1st and special, E. Sanders, Rose comb Buff Leghorns, 1st, 2d, 3d pullet, W. E. Blood.

The prize list has been completed for the school exhibits at the fair and the judges state that it has been very difficult to award the prizes. The work throughout was extremely good and showed much thought and work on the part of teachers and pupils under the supervision of District Superintendent Whitney. Mr. Whitney in the short time he has had the schools in charge has shown great interest in the work of pupils and teachers and has done much to interest them in the manual arts, especially anything useful. The judges were Miss Marion Graves, Prof. Park Blanchard and Rev. R. H. Bosworth. It is expected that the prizes will consist of merchandise, mostly pictures, etc.

Following is the list of school awards, each town by itself and not against each other, as it was found to be the only solution to a difficult question: Townshend village, 1st premium to be divided equally in the three rooms, 2d West Townshend, Williamsville, 1st premium to be divided equally in the two rooms, 2d South Newfane, Dover, 1st North Street school, 2d Goose City school, Grafton village, 1st to be divided equally in two rooms, 2d Pettengill school, South Wardsboro 1st premium, East hill 2d, Brookline, Athens and Stratton, each 1st premium.

J. C. Taft and John Tibbets were in Farley Thursday on a business trip. Mrs. Fred Watson has gone to Peru to see her father, who was injured in an accident.

Mrs. Ira Williams has finished working at the home of J. C. Taft and her place is taken by Mrs. May LeRose.

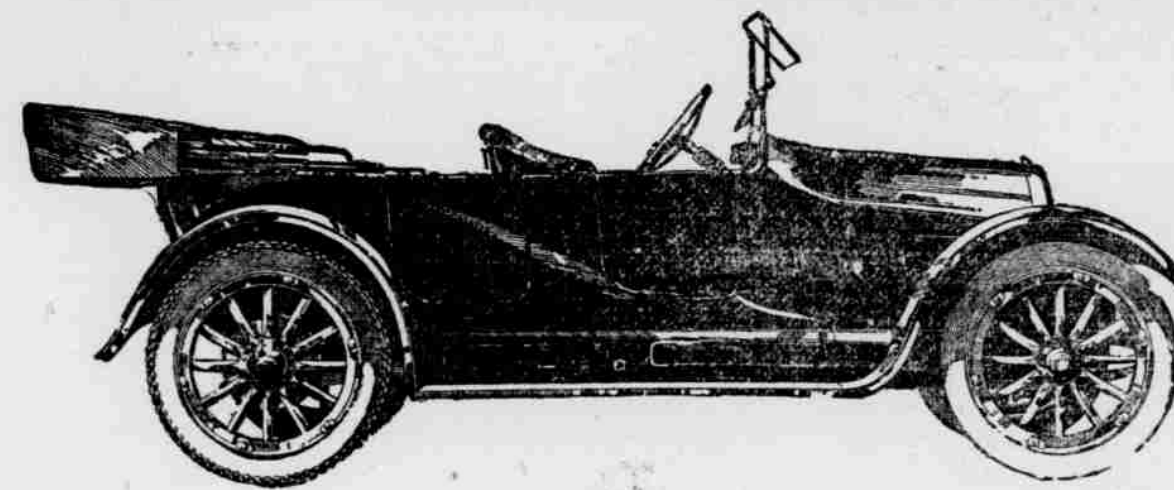
Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Osgood of Baldwin Place, N. Y., and George Osgood of Brookline were at Dr. Fred Osgood's Friday.

Mrs. Alton Holden has returned from a visit with her father, E. L. Crosier, of Guilford and her brother-in-law, Harrison Gould, in Millers Falls.

The Dorcas guild will meet in the Congregational vestry Wednesday. The daughters of Dorcas will hold their meeting at the same place Thursday.

C. Q. Stebbins is ill this week. Others who have been ill are Mrs. A. D. Benson, Miss Florence Sanders and Mrs. D. F. Boutell. The latter is not as well.

Miss Catherine Plant was called the first of the week to New Haven, Conn., by the death of her brother, James



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